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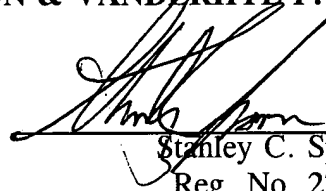
REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

8. (Amended) An apparatus adapted for hardening ATM cells in accordance with the method of [any of claims 1 to 7] claim 1.